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## New Literature

### OLD TESTAMENT

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- RAMSAY, A. *Studies in Jeremiah*. London: Bagster, 1905. Pp. 304. 5s.
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- The three articles are given to a study of Sargon's capture of Ashdod and an interpretation of Isaiah's prophecy therewith connected (Isa., chap. 20). The scriptural narrative is supplemented by a

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- JOHNS, C. H. W. *Assyriology and Inspiration. Interpreter*, January and February, 1905.

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- DRIVER, S. R. *The Permanent Religious Value of the Old Testament. Ibid.*, 1905.

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- MOXOM, P. S. *Jesus' View of Himself in Mark's Gospel*. Pittsfield, Mass.: Sun Printing Co., 1904. Pp. 23.
- JAQUIER, E. *Les évangiles synoptiques. (Histoire des livres du Nouveau Testa-*

*ment*, Tome II.) Paris: Lecoivre, 1905. Pp. 511. Fr. 3.50.

Detailed comparison of the synoptic gospels, section by section, and discussion of their relation and origin. An interesting evidence that critical study of the synoptics is being carried on in Catholic circles.

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An interpretation of the Temptation, in the form given in Matthew.

SMITH, DAVID. Our Lord's Reductio

ad Absurdum of the Rabbinical Interpretation of Psalm CX. *Ibid.*, pp. 256-58.

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JACKSON, GEORGE. The Ethical Teaching of St. Paul. (4) The Passive Virtues. *Expositor*, April, 1905, pp. 282-94.

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RAMSAY, W. M. The Early Christian Symbol of the Open Book, II. *Ibid.*, pp. 294-306.

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#### RELATED SUBJECTS

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SCHÜRER, E. Die siebentägige Woche im Gebrauche der christlichen Kirche der ersten Jahrhunderte. *Ibid.*, pp. 1-66.

An investigation of the history of the seven-day week in its relation to Jewish and planetary systems.